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TO: Deputy Director
FROM: ADSO
SUBJECT: Intelligence Terminology

1. Reference is made to ICAPS memorandum of 13 January 1949, having the above subject, which was referred to this office by you for comment.

2. This office does not suggest any change in the Joint Chiefs of Staff definition of counter-espionage or counter-intelligence, as they are no doubt considered sufficient for the usage contemplated in the publication. As a matter of interest however, this office defines counter-espionage as: All measures taken to prevent, use, control, penetrate, monitor, and confuse the activities and personnel of foreign intelligence organizations and their supporting groups and facilities.



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TO : Deputy Director

FROM : Chief, ICAPS *PL*

SUBJECT: Intelligence Terminology

DATE: 13 January 1949

1. On 17 March 1947 JIC 383/2 was published containing the following two terms:

a. counterespionage - The effort to determine and prevent effective espionage activities of foreign agencies.

b. counterintelligence - Counterintelligence is that aspect of intelligence relating to all security control measures, both active and passive, designed to insure the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment, and installations against the espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities of foreign powers and of disaffected or dissident groups or individuals which constitute a threat to the national security.

2. In June, 1948 the Joint Chiefs of Staff published a Dictionary of United States Military Terms for Joint Usage which contains the following definitions:

a. counterespionage - All measures taken to prevent foreign espionage activities or to confuse foreign secret agents.

b. counterintelligence - Counterintelligence is that aspect of intelligence relating to all security control measures, both active and passive, designed to insure the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment, and installations against the espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities of foreign powers and of disaffected or dissident groups or individuals which constitute a threat to the national security.

3. There is nothing in ICAPS files which is indicative of any efforts on the part of CIA to arrange for the change from the agreed definition (JIC-CIG) contained in JIC 383/2 to that contained in the Joint Chiefs Dictionary.

4. It is to be noted that the definition of counterintelligence is the same in each case and is sufficiently all-inclusive to encompass the actions defined as counterespionage.

5. In the forward of the Joint Chiefs Dictionary, notation is made that the first revision to that dictionary is planned to be released about 1 July 1949. Comments and recommendations to be considered for that revision must be submitted prior to 1 February 1949.

6. Do you desire any action on the part of ICAPS (or others) in an effort to clarify this concept?

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